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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification. (Refs. 1-5, 7)
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 1-7)
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-7.

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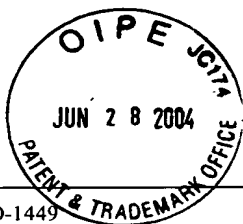
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